### RUN A CLOSE RACE

Deaths and Births Last Month Were Nearly Equal.

Were but Eight More Persons Born Than Died.

### TWICE MANY MEN AS WOMEN

Average Age of Males Who Died, 58 Years.

At Least 50 Deaths Attributed to the Grip.

Popeka and Shawnee county deture use. There were just eight one births in Shawnee county, inding Topeka, last month than the lag number of deaths—112 births

as many men as women died during the month of January. But contrary to the figures compiled the middle of the month the totals for the month show the men who died lived to a greater average age than the women. The average age of men who died in Topeka and Shawnee county during the month was 58 years, while the average age of the women was 56 years. Thirty-two of the deaths among people over one year of age were among females and 58 of them were among males.

Fourteen children under one year of age died during the month and

of age died during the month and most of them died at birth. It would be infair to include these in the to-tals from which average ages are ob-

taired.

A glance through the vital statistics for the month of January shows the work of the grip epidemic. In almost every case of death, where the victim was over fifty years of age, the grip is shown either as the chief cause or a contributory cause. Physicians say it should be listed as a contributory cause in many casese where it is not mentioned. In such cases the sickness preceding death started with the grip and developed into something

One physician said it was safe to say hat at least fifty deaths in Topeka and Shawnee county during the mouth of January could be traced to the crip. Most of the deaths from it were

# 73 R.R. SUITS FILED

Mo. Shippers Seek to Recover \$175,000 From Three Roads.

Violation of Maximum Freight Rate Statute Charged.

hree suits against three railroads were natituted in the state court here today, illeging violation of the maximum

citizen living near Westlawn park.

'There are men out here cutting down trees in the park," declared a

# ANOTHER OTTAWA FIRE INVESTIGATE BRANDEIS

Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 5.—Fire of unknown origin last night destroyed the plant of Grant, Holden & Graham company, limited, which has been engaged in manufacturing clothing and hasersacks for the militia department. Eight employees were in the building when the fire started but all estatem up, it was said, would relate the way in the fire started but all estatem up, it was said, would relate the way in the fire started but all estatem up, it was said, would relate the way in the fire started but all estatem up, it was said, would relate the way in the fire started but all estatem up, it was said, would relate the way in the fire way in the way in Eight employees were in the building when the fire started but all excaped safetly. The loss on the building alone, a six-story brick structure, is fixed at \$20,000. No estimate has been made of the value of the stock, but a large supply was ready for delivery.

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Brokers' Receiver Paid \$22 Cash. St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 5.—The report of the receiver of the brokerage firm of Payne & Becker, made public to-



The Commercial club loses a member of its board of directors when G. R. Harries, city passenger agent of the Union Pacific, leaves Feb. 15 for Omaha, where he will become chief clerk of the Union Pacific's colonization and industrial bureau.

George Godfrey Moore will call the CARRIES BELGIAN PASSPORT

The vital statistics for the county state house in it. If other cities use and city flied with the city clerk, Miss their bank clearings for advertising purposes—why not Topeka, he says as many men as women died during to the daily papers. Mr. Copeland

for State Convention.

juries; Sued for \$50,000.

Wednesday on New Appointee.

BIRTHS REPORTED

Is Now U. S. Senator-Peoria

the persons making them, it was also pointed out, the alleged confessions of Brown and Spellman were not to be considered as against Mrs. Mohr.

## Destroys Big Plant Turning Out Mil-itary Supplies for Militia. Committee Will Begin Query Next TO BLOW UP BIG BRIDGE

Montreal, Feb. 5.—What is be-lieved to have been an attempt to blow up the Victoria bridge across the St. Lawrence river was frustrated

lenged retreated without answering. About 4 o'clock a man was again de-tected trying to reach the bridge from the ice. When he refused to answer a challenge he was fired at, but eg-

of Payle & Becker, made public of dax, shows that more than 160 customers have unsecured claims aggregating \$141,000 and that about the same number of creditors have secured claims amounting to \$142,000. The cash balance at the disposal of the receiver is placed at \$22.50.

More Rioting in Lisbon.

Paris. Feb. 5.—A riot assuming the proportions of a revolution broke out Lisbon last night and is continuing to day. Crowds are attacking the republican guards in the Portuguese capital and pillaging the stores.

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### JAILED AS A SPY 450 GERMAN SOLDIERS SHOOT LANDLORDS DROWNED IN ATTACK Attempted Eviction Results in Show Chorus Awaits Return of

Director in Vain.

Firebug Suspect.

Amsterdam, Feb. 5.—Four hundred and fifty Germans attacking. Dvinsk across the frozen Dwina, were drowned when the ice was smashed by heavy Russian fire, according to dispatches received here today. Chicagoan Held in Canada as

### DEATHS AND FUNERALS

Uncle Sam Delivers \$1,520,000 for Exchange Losses.

Chicago, Feb. 5.—The candidacy of United States Senator L. Y. Sherman, of Illinois, for Republican nominee for president was endorsed today by the Illinois state Republican committee. Peoria was selected for the meeting place of the Republican state convention April 21 and a list of candidates for delegates at large to the National convention was approved.

The resolution endorsing the candidacy of Senator Sherman was introduced by Garrett de F. Kinney and received a unanimous vote. The list of delegate-at-large nominees, received a unanimous approval as follows:

Murder Case to Jury at 10:45

Settlement Reached With the Greeks by U. S. Minister.

Athens, Feb. 5.—The American minister, Garrett Droppers, has reached an agreement with the Greek authorities for payment of \$5,000,000 in settlement of the ciaim of Greece for the amount due from the United States on payment of money orders. Henceforth property of the ciaim of form the United States are payments will be paid at a fixed rate of exchange.

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Attempted Eviction Results in

Fatal Pitch Battle.

One Killed and Four Wounded

by Tenants' Fire.

Mr. Drew served several years in the pension department, going to Washington when the department was taken away from Topeka. He resigned and returned to Topeka two years ago, and one year later went to Florida for his health. His death occurred at the home of his daughter in that place. While in Topeka Mr. and Mrs. Drew lived at 1336 Fillmore street. They were residents of this city for about fifteen years. Mr. Drew was a member of the L. O. O. F. and the Woodmen.

A wife and two children survive

Lexington, Ky., Feb. 5.—A general battle over the possession of land in the Kentucky mountains in which one man was killed and three others badly wounded was reported here today from Floyd county. Ance Miller was builted Louis Miller Harrison Miller (City.

Commission Today.

Kansas municipalities which are Chiesso, Peb. 5—The cardidacy of the state court here todd that States Sensor L. Y. Sherman, relight rate statute enacted in 138 to \$4,000, and there are only 1,600 plaintiffs, who are farmers, it is stock shippers and complision merchants of northwest Mission merchants of merchants of northwest Mission merchants of merchants of northwest Mission merchants of merchants of merchants of merchants of me uing in Shawnee county courts to en-

rights held by any city of the first class are only those given them by the state. He set forth the state's right to take away one right and substitute an-other one. The attorneys for the cities allege that the state has no right to

There are men out here cutting down trees in the park," declared a woman. They must be dead trees," said prover, "No, they're not," said the woman. "No, they're not," said the woman. "Well, if any of my men are cutting down it to trees in the park they lose their lobs," said the commissioner. "But that won't help the trees their lobs," said the commissioner. "But that won't help the trees the shore of developed later that the trees had been ordered cut down," walled the woman. It developed later that the trees had been ordered cut down by the super-intendent of parks because they were falley to surrounding trees.

AND THE THE REPORT.

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# CHARLES P. DREW DEAD

Well Known Topeka Citizen Passes Away in Florida.

Charles P. Drew, a veteran of the Civil war, formerly brigadier general of the K. N. G., and an employee of the government pension department for a number of years, died January 31, in West Palm Beach, Fla. The body was brought to Kansas by his daughter. Mrs. Nellie Drew-Carter of West Palm Beach. The funeral will be held at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon at Burlingame, Kan, and the body will lie in the family burial ground at that place.

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C. P. Drew was born in Canada September 2, 1842. He came to Kansas in 1855. He fought for three years during the Civil war, having served in Company I. Eleventh Kansas regiment. He was a member of Lincoln Post ir Topeka, and was prominent in Grand Army circles. During the administration of Governor Hoch and Governor Stubbs he was brigadier

Eastern Members of Congressional Union Will Come.

To Aid Kansas Suffragists in Forming New Party.

Miss Mabel Vernon, representative of the Congressional Union for Woman

if we are defeated for we are the kind of suffragists who work not with the expectation of defat but of victory."

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Paris, Feb. 5.—President Poincare today received Col. E. M. House and the American ambassador. William G. Sharp, and talked with them for some time. Mr. and Mrs. Sharp gave a dinner at the American embassy last night in honor of Colonel House. It was attended by Premier Briand and various members of the diplomatic corps and the American colony. Colonel House expects to complete his work in Paris Monday and leave for home by way of London next day.

### For Sheriff

during the Spanish American War and in the Philippine Rebellion.

Have resided in Shawnee county more than five years. I feel competent to per-form the duties of Sheriff and if elected will give you my best services.

H. C. Ericsson

Station B, Topeka



# The Mutal Life

Insurance Company of New York

34 Nassau Street, New York, N. Y.

In the year ending December 31, 1915, the "Oldest Company in America"

Paid Policyholders a total of \$67,978,329.32

This sum exceeded the total amount received directly from policyholders by \$8,723,036.35. During the year there was an increase in the amount of new insurance paid for, in total insurance in force, in assets, in reserves, in total income, an increase of over One Million and a Half in total interest and rents, and an increase of nearly Two Million Dollars in the Company's contingency reserve, or free surplus. On the other hand, notwithstanding a full year of war, there was a material decrease in the mortality ratio (actual to expected) as compared with that of 1914.

> Insurance in Force, Admitted Assets. Net Policy Reserves Total Income, Total Disbursements,

\$1,636,538,117.00 616.528.254.00 503,227,820.00 88,251,707.66 81,375,494.91

The amount of new insurance paid for during the year, including dividend additions, was \$148,176,711. If we include revivals and increase of policies in force, the total insurance paid for was \$160,882,145.

### Balance Sheet, December 31st, 1915 ASSETS

 
 Real Estate
 \$ 21,579,185,32

 Mortgage Loans
 110,840,930,99

 Loans on Policies
 91,948,198,57

 Bonds and Stocks
 367,445,360,74

 Interest and Rents due and ac 100,051,79
 Deposited to pay claims..... 411,425.62

Total Admitted Assets......\$616,528,254.00

a substantial business in Topeka with good salary in connection; lady or gentle-man, "Billie" Allen Sales Co., Victoria hotel

Policy Reserves . \$503.227,820.00
Supplementary Contract Reserve 4.000.441.00
Other Policy Liabilities . 7,600,280.45
Premiums, interest and Rents paid
in advance . 1,290,765.93
Miscellaneous Liabilities . 570,627.88
Taxes, License Fecs, etc., payable
in 1216 . 629,699.17
Dividends payable in 1216 . 1220.000.17 Dividends payable in 1916.... 17,839,992.58 Reserve for future Deferred Div. 

TOPEKA BRANCH OFFICE

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